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Applicant: Bhajmohan (Ricky) Singh, et al. : Group No.: 1761
Serial No.: 09/881,935 : Examiner: Nina Bhat
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MULTIPLE COMPONENT :
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TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is:

Amendment in Response to the Office Action dated July 21, 2003 (2 pgs.)
Amendment Transmittal (3 pgs., *in duplicate*)
Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection for Application No.
09/882,389 (1 pg.)
Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection for Application No.
09/232,916 (1 pg.)
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STATUS

2. Applicant

Claims small entity status.
is other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00
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	Fee Due	\$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 110.00.

OR

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.	MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$	x \$18 = \$
	MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$	x \$86 = \$
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$145 = \$	+ \$290 = \$
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	OR
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$	TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE \$

(a) No additional fee for Claims is required

OR

(b) Total additional fee for claims required \$

FEE PAYMENT

5. Attached is a check in the sum of \$_____

Charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the sum of \$330.00
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

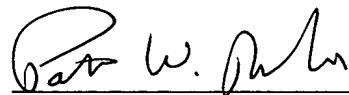
FEE DEFICIENCY

6. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

AND/OR

If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

7. Other: The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384 the Statutory Disclaimer Fee of \$110.00 as required under 37 CFR 1.20(d) for Application No.: 09/882,389; and the Statutory Disclaimer Fee of \$110.00 as required under 37 CFR 1.20(d) for Application No.: 09/232,916.



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